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As the week began prices were unchanged with the exception of New York eggs where prices were lower on all sizes. As the week progressed prices continued downward in New York but remained unchanged elsewhere. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to ample. Breaking stock prices were lower as was checks and undergrades. Offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Schedules were full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Removal costs for light type hens were unchanged. Offerings were mostly ample as additional spent hens move into processing channels. Demand was fair. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-12 cents, mostly 5.5-8.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA/MN/WI were 4 cents lower for large and medium with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Loose egg demand was mostly light. Cartoned egg sales were light to very good, mostly good to very good. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample. Demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate. Floor stocks continued fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best for holiday needs. Supplies ranged adequate to available, instances ample in some areas. Breaking stock offerings were limited to about adequate for the light demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Mar 18, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.50	56.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	49.00	46.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	56.37	54.36	39.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-22-05	03-15-05	03-23-04
Large	27-36	27-36	97-104
Medium	14-20	14-20	83-87

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- March 21, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.9	16.9	11.1	12.0	16.6	71.5
	Change	-0.5	-0.9	0.4	-2.6	-0.5	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.8	31.9	11.0	24.8	46.4	136.9
	Change	-7.0	-14.1	-2.6	-6.3	0.8	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	77.0	109.9	68.8	114.1	127.2	497.0
	Change	-15.9	-57.3	-42.2	-24.5	-47.5	-27%
Medium	Curr Wk	21.8	43.7	16.9	30.7	36.0	149.1
	Change	11.4	-7.6	-1.2	0.1	4.6	5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	9.1	1.9	5.9	3.4	25.0
	Change	2.6	0.4	-0.5	-1.9	0.6	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	27.2	10.3	16.7	7.0	66.9
	Change	-0.1	-2.3	-1.4	2.1	0.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.0	36.9	21.7	30.3	30.7	128.6
	Change	-8.5	-4.9	-12.9	-6.2	-7.9	-24%
Total	Curr Wk	155.9	275.6	141.7	234.5	267.3	1075.0
Percent	Change	-10%	-24%	-30%	-14%	-16%	-19%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1075.0	-19%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	225.8	-16%	35
Total Shell Egg	1300.8	-19%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 19-MAR-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,293,097	31,080	12,494	6,679	2,237	4,507
PW	1,274,049	31,496	11,715	6,643	2,473	4,543
LY	1,160,324	28,714	10,452	5,909	1,983	4,002
% CHG PWK	1	-1	7	1	-10	-1
% CHG LY	11	8	20	13	13	13
2005	13,681,465	328,697	132,465	70,653	30,350	48,169
2004	12,757,012	302,567	122,398	68,644	28,640	44,886
% CHG YTD	7	9	8	3	6	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.35	42.70	42.30
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.86	39.13	38.85

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 12	MAR 19	MAR 12	MAR 19
	Thousand			
AL	30,074	29,970	21,525	21,507
AR	30,867	30,657	*24,126	25,842
DE	3,906	4,071	6,085	5,819
FL	1,359	1,358	1,305	1,483
GA	33,375	33,381	27,155	27,427
KY	*7,049	6,735	*6,485	6,131
LA	*4,075	4,135	*4,101	3,514
MD	8,977	8,978	4,921	4,899
MS	19,465	19,617	17,544	17,492
NC	18,682	18,818	14,881	15,097
OK	*6,508	6,285	5,452	5,214
PA	*4,286	4,073	*3,078	2,813
SC	5,283	5,247	4,633	4,277
TX	15,119	15,094	12,897	12,897
VA	6,554	6,748	4,997	5,401
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,881	17,660	*17,594	16,202
19 State Total	*213,460	212,827	*176,779	176,015
Previous Year Total	210,601	210,144	170,698	171,783
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	104	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Apr-05 is estimated at 162.4 million head. This compares to 162.4 million head the previous week and to 161.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.05 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/17/05-03/23/05

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS	
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	31.00 4.00
GNR W 1	33.00	35.00	34.67	36.67	—	32.00 16.75
GNR W 2	—	—	—	33.50	—	— 4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	29.00	—	— 1.00
GNR BR 1	—	37.00	—	—	—	— 7.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	26.75	— 2.00
GL W XL	—	48.00	43.67	46.93	38.53	— 30.50
GL W LG	—	48.80	41.30	43.10	31.28	— 23.75
GL W MD	34.00	27.00	29.65	26.55	20.09	24.75 16.50
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	26.00	22.00	25.00 5.00
NRBS - 48	23.00	23.40	—	24.50	22.08	24.52 63.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-MAR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
Atlanta	31.1	27.7	12 24
Boston	4.6	4.3	7 39
Chicago	101.0	76.3	32 41
Detroit	28.3	33.4	-15 11
Kansas City	7.8	4.3	81 160
Los Angeles	97.9	110.6	-11 13
New Orleans	8.4	6.5	29 0
New York	34.6	32.6	6 22
St. Louis	23.8	16.2	47 52
San Francisco	22.8	19.6	16 13
Total	360.3	331.5	9 25
4 Week Moving Avg.	332.1		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-MAR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG OLD		BREEDERS
	TURKEYS		TOMS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,582	2,517	17	1	4,117
Avg Wt	16.12	38.18	21.79	49.75	29.64
Last week	1,551	2,477	10	3	4,041
Same wk yr ago	1,701	2,449	56	2	4,208
Avg Wt	15.71	36.35	24.01	62.32	27.85
To-date/2005	16,832	27,537	294	36	44,699
To-date/2004	18,544	27,029	479	90	46,142

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 19-MAR-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	THOUSAND	AVG	THOUSAND	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	HEAD	LIVE WT	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	728	0	24.88	(A)	729	24.88
South Atlantic	606	5	31.59	(A)	606	31.59
North Central	1,953	2	33.77	(A)	1,953	33.77
South Central	506	5	21.47	(A)	506	21.47
West	323	-1	24.49	(A)	323	24.49
U.S. total	4,116(B)	2	29.64	1	4,117	29.64
To-date						
2005	44,663(B)			36	44,699	
To-date						
2004	46,052(B)			90	46,142	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 294,000; for last year to date 479,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 19-Mar-2005 **YOUNG CHICKENS** **LIGHT HENS** **HEAVY HENS** **TOTAL HENS** **DUCKS**

-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	157,335	1,385	1,402	2,787	512
Avg Wt	5.20	3.40	8.03	5.73	6.73
Last week	157,630	1,720	1,317	3,037	506
Same wk yr ago	153,006	1,283	1,338	2,621	463
Avg Wt	5.15	3.36	8.08	5.77	6.74
To-date/2005	1,726,029	15,920	14,321	30,241	5,599
To-date/2004	1,689,638	14,020	13,984	28,004	5,031

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.2 million head, or 2.8 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Mar-05

CLASS	Current Week 03/26/05(1)	Previous Week 03/19/05
Broiler/fryer	153,640(2)	162,655
Light hens	1,683	1,307
Heavy hens	1,320	1,371
Total	156,643	165,333

-----THOUSAND HEAD-----

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Mar-05 is 164.0 million head compared to 154.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.9 million head or 10.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 02-Apr-05 the estimated available is 165.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February 12	156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
19	158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
26	158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March 5	162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
12	159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
19	159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
Year to date	1746.9	1775.3	98%	
March 26		164.0		
April 2		165.4		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of

21-MAR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	67.00-70.00	70.01	40 :	71.93	72
Los Angeles	80.00	79.42	62 :	79.34	128
New York	72.00-74.00	72.78	23 :	70.39	73

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/
FRYERS**

	Change from 21-MAR-2005	14-MAR-2005	14-MAR-2005	22-MAR-2004
	74.07	1.10	72.97	76.52

NUMBER OF LOADS 564

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67.75	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	62-65.75	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-65	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 03/21/05	3,395	96,777	46,421
AM 03/01/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
CHG	-206	8,669	4,712
PCT CHG	-6%	10%	11%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 21-MAR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.27
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.5-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.19

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

18-MAR-05

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-12	3.5-8.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

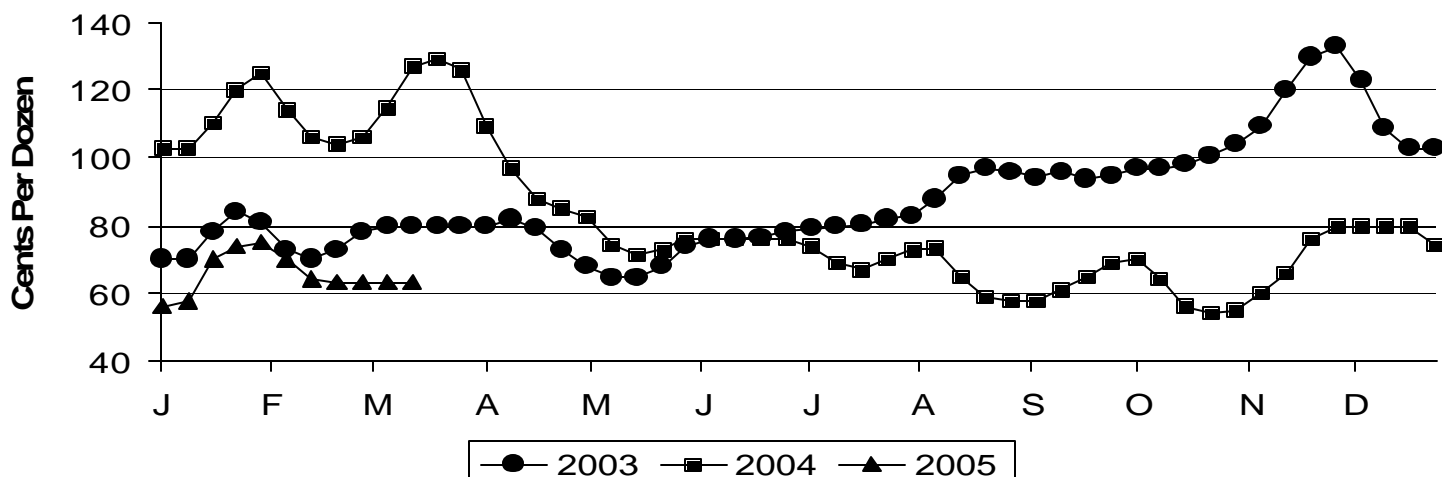
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 19-Mar-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	246	-1	2
East North Central	643.4	2	10
West North Central	307.6	3	7
South Atlantic	225.8	3	1
South Central	67.5	-4	-3
West	227.4	3	20
Total	1717.7	2	8

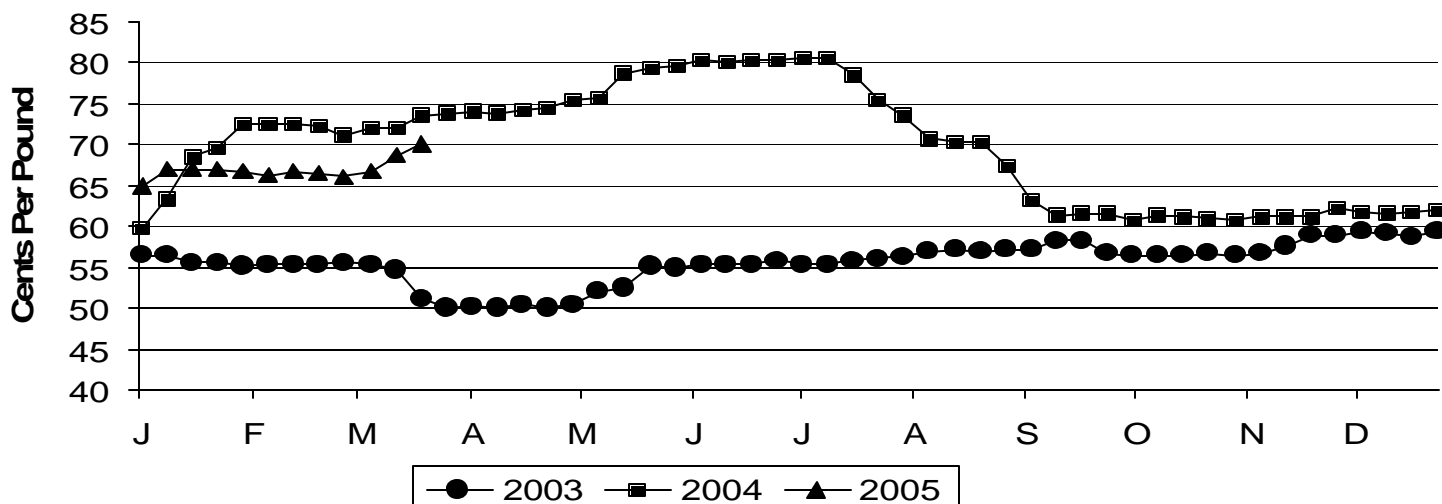
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

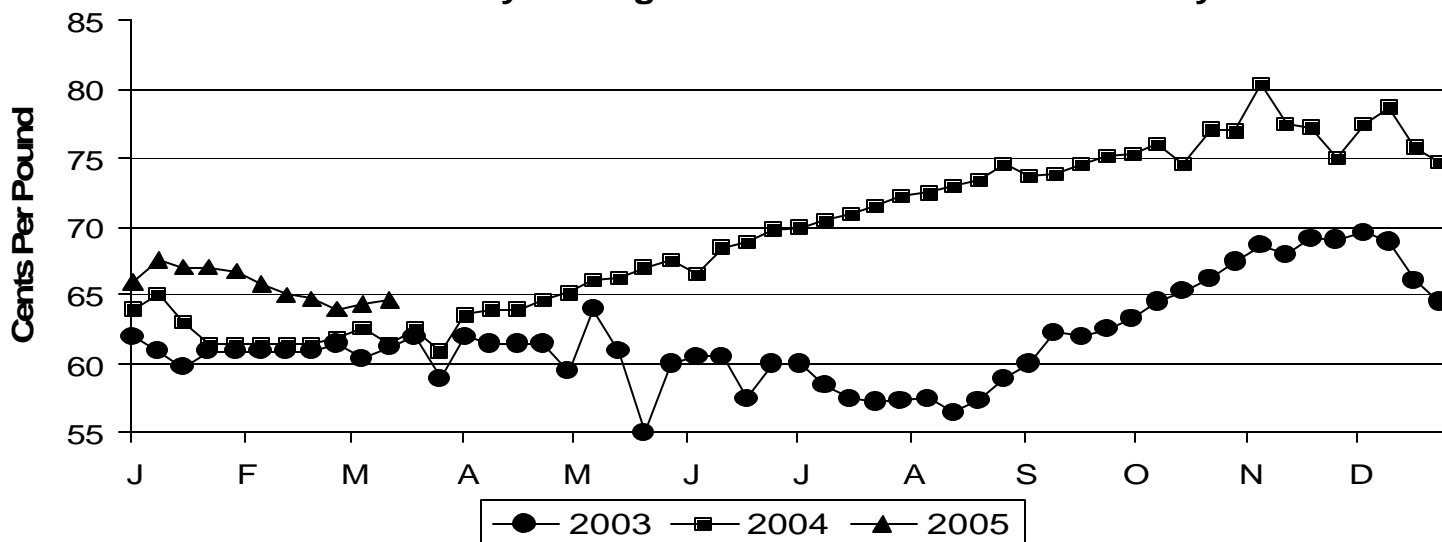
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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